

## **REMARKS**

Claims 5-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 5 is amended. No new matter is added.

The Office Action indicates that only claims 5-8 are pending. However, Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment on June 26, 2003, in which the multiple dependencies in claims 6-8 were removed and new claims 9-12 were added to cover the subject matter deleted by the removal of the multiple dependencies in claims 6-8.

The Office Action suggests updating the status of the related applications. Applicants have amended the specification as suggested by the Examiner.

The Office Action rejects claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants believe that this rejection is obviated with the above amendments to claim 5. If the Examiner believes that any issues remain to overcome this rejection, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any such remaining issues. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, are respectfully requested.

In view of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not considered timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment for any additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, **referencing attorney docket no. 100341-00045.**

Respectfully submitted,

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